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A MONTHLY FEATURE

By Daniel Heitmeyer

IMMANUEL — GOD WITH US.

Not where litany and chant, and pictured walls
Proclaim what men long dead have dreamed of thee,
Nor where dim light through high rose-window falls
On font and cross, O God, thy face I see.

No more in Zion's Temple dost thou dwell,
Nor in Mount Sinai with lightnings crowned:
Thou linger'st not by fabled shrine or well,
Nor yet in sacred grove or grot art found.

From this sick world thou wouldst not dwell apart,
In symbols hid, fenced in with rites and creeds:
But yonder, where men strive, in field and mart,
Thou striv'st with them, and livest in men's deeds:

And I must strive and toil or lose thee now.—
But, bruised and wearied of the struggle, here
In day's end stillness and alone, I bow
Contrite, and find that thou, my God, art near.

"THEY SHALL SEE GOD."

It is a great experience for any man when he becomes aware of God. It is a humbling experience. Isaiah, when he saw the Lord "high and lifted up", cried, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips". We may talk boldly about God, but when we find ourselves veritably in the presence of the Holy One we become painfully conscious of our unholiness.

The real point in the drama of Job, it seems to me, is in the last chapter. In his distraction Job has said many wild things. God, speaking from the whirlwind, has shown him that he has been speaking words of folly out of ignorance. Then Job cries: "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore, I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes". Religion does not make much difference if we have only a tradition about God. But the experience of the presence of God changes lives.

It has its perils too. The human spirit so easily becomes "God intoxicated". It can easily lead to excesses, the seeing of visions and the hearing of voices, mysticism falsely so-called. Edward Irving, founder of the strange "Irvingites" cult, was in youth a close friend of Carlyle. Carlyle in later years, rather sadly, said this of Irving: "The hand of the Lord was laid upon him, and the voice of God spake to him, saying, 'Arise, and get thee hence, for this is not thy rest'." Then he tells of how Irving preached to great throngs, and how apparently his mind became unbalanced, and says, "He was trying to do what no man can do and live—trying to see God face to face. He was not daft: he was dazed. The curtains of darkness fell over the eagle's eye by too steadfast gazing at the sun".

That is an all too common thing in the story of man's religions. An experience so powerful that it breaks away from reason, and becomes rapture and fanaticism, and sometimes mere charlatanism.

Some of the exuberant cultists of our time probably have had a real experience; but they become emotionally unbalanced. The corrective to that sort of thing is to remember that the awareness of God is not a mere throb of emotion. It is mind discovering Mind. It is the thinking process encountering God as a living reality. Wherefrom comes a certainty and poise that gives direction to life.

To bring people into a renewed awareness of God surely is a main purpose of a church service. And no less surely, the lives of men today desperately need the undergirding of that kind of experience.

D. H.

LET'S PAY OUR DEBTS NOW

Feb. 15—Baptist Hundred Thousand Club Day for a Debtless Denomination—Feb. 15

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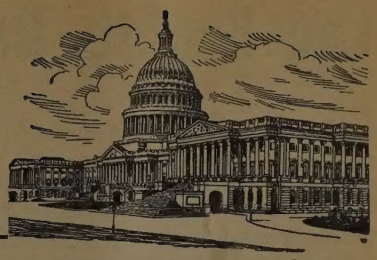

WHY WAIT UNTIL 1945?

The Southern Baptist Convention is in a campaign to liquidate the $2,100,000 debt of the Convention by 1945. We raise the question as to why Southern Baptists should wait until 1945 to pay off this debt. It can be paid off in 1942. Southern Baptists are able to raise this large sum in one year. With the debt out of the way in 1942 Southern Baptists will be in a position to take advantage of the large financial opportunities in 1943, 1944 and 1945, and launch a forward movement of large proportions in every field of action. This applies also to the Northern Baptist Convention. It applies to every Baptist church in America. The 7,000,000 Baptists in these two Conventions will have in their pockets funds ordinarily spent for automobiles, electric refrigerators, washing machines, and like labor saving and pleasure devices. What are they going to do with an increased income due to war conditions? How are they going to spend this income? Of course increased taxes will absorb some of it but not all by any means. Farmers will have an income larger than in many years. Laborers will benefit by increased wages. The white collar worker even though he may not benefit as much as the farmers and labor elements will, nevertheless not be able to buy products easy to obtain heretofore. Our denominations and our churches have a right to claim some of this surplus for Kingdom work—and we believe will secure it if proper steps are made to claim it. Now is the time to press and press hard for Kingdom funds. Our work has had to wait long enough. If programs are inaugurated and presented with courage millions of dollars can be secured. In addition plans should be made to provide surplus funds for our work. These funds will be needed when the war ends. The opportunity is before Baptists. What are they going to do about it?

One Day's Salary on Good Friday

Baptists do not take much to the observance of Good Friday. We believe they should recognize this tragic day in the life of our Lord and observe it the way best suited to Baptist practice and principles. Certainly no one could object to the assembling of the Church on Good Friday in a service of fellowship and communion. We would like to suggest that every Baptist church in America hold a service of some kind this year on Good Friday and that the climax of this service be a sacrificial offering of one day's salary by every member. Instead of commercializing it can we not use it to commemorate the greatest sacrifice of history—Christ's death on the Cross? A sacrificial offering on that day of one day's salary would bring to the altar of Baptist churches at least $7,000,000. Imagine what we could do with that amount of money. Such a gift would not strain our pocket books. Surely the members of Baptist churches will be willing to give over and above their regular pledges one day's salary. Such an outpouring of generosity would inspire the whole world. In this connection we call attention to the offer of the Family Altar League, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago. The League offers to send copies of an editorial entitled "Fair Enough" which deals with this question to any who are interested. It is a revealing and inspiring editorial written by William F. McDermott, secretary of the League. The editorial is commended for your use. In the meantime organize your church for a Good Friday service and on that day ask the membership for an offering of one day's salary.

Shurtleff Protects Her Draftees

Shurtleff College at Alton, Illinois has not hesitated to take necessary steps to protect students who are eligible to be drafted and to gear her machinery for full cooperation with the government. The example of Shurtleff is typical of the response of our Baptist schools. Baptists everywhere are proud that the administration of educational institutions supported by them are determined to safeguard the interests of the young men who may be drafted. The statement issued January 16th by President Guy Wimmer of Shurtleff is no doubt similar to that issued by other Baptist colleges. Read the statement on page ten.

Mike Elliott

Can Baptists Have A Part In Making The Peace?

By Erdmann Smith, Chicago, Illinois

It is noteworthy that the beatitude on peace is "Blessed are the peace makers". Note that it is not "Blessed are the peace keepers". Certainly he who is qualified to make peace is qualified to keep peace, but it is not necessarily true that he who keeps peace can make peace. It is clear that keeping the peace is implied in making peace.

As Baptists, measuring us by counting rather than by weighing, we are the largest Protestant body in the United States, whatever that means. Surely we ought to desire to help to make the peace and keep it after it is made. Surely we ought to be willing to give up every attitude and practice less important than building for peace in order to qualify as peace makers.

I realize that we shall have, as we now do have, many nominal Baptists who will produce prolifically glittering, if not glistening, generalities as trite as tradition can make them, as empty of specific significance as the old bottles that people of old tried to hold new wine in. I realize that many nominal Baptists will attend committees, conferences, meetings, pass resolutions and imply irresolutions, participate in discounting any possible conventions of men—as if any other animals are interested or that men need do and truly can do nothing to cooperate with God through agreements, leagues, courts, international police force, etc. in the making of world peace. After these meetings they will go home—I can clearly visualize them now—rather proud that they have beaten their denominational tom-toms and enjoyed a festival of the faithful. They go home gorged with goodness—goodness for nothing so far as helping to make a world peace is concerned. I have not written this to be critical of any fellow Baptists, to be cynical, but I do write it because I am certain it is realistic and exactly what will happen because it is exactly what has happened.

In my judgment, whatever that may be worth, if Baptists are dead in earnest, really serious about desiring to help make the peace, they must lay down as a basic principle that they must cooperate heartily with other Protestant Christians to that end. Some things they will not rely on as having enough power in them to get them far, if anywhere in particular, toward helping to make a world peace. As individuals they may write letters to the president, to their respective senators and congressmen, to those who may be in authority as representing our nation and other nations. As local churches, as associations, as conventions, alliances, and what have you, the same kind of thing may be done, and likely will be done sporadically and without coordination. As Baptists we may even get together as Northern Baptists and Southern Baptists or even as Canadian-Northern-Southern Baptist block and resolve and write documents and even appoint or elect representatives without power to do anything except to put their proposals back on the denominational desk for approval and the green light.

Now, all of these and each one of these may do good, though I doubt the value of some of them in making any recognizable impression at all anywhere except upon those who are responsible for them. My guess is that if Baptists proceed only as Baptists they will not register where registration must be made.

What can Baptists, then, do to participate as peace makers after this world holocaust?

As I give my answer, only partially, I realize again that I am only one of any almost absolute democratic body, in theory at least, and, therefore, in our meetings where we decide what we want. But I do have my ideas as to some of the steps we as Baptists ought to take toward this the greatest objective before Christian churches in this generation, if not in this century, except winning of individual persons to commit themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ and His way of life as God gives them to understand His way of life.

First, it sems to me that, being as democratic and decentralized as we are, we must recognize the difference between being democratic and being representatively democratic. In this regard the Presbyterians have something to teach us, without a doubt in my own mind. Surely, we must be represented somewhere in this business of making world peace by fellow Baptists whom we can trust. We must arrange to have them appointed or elected in such a way that we shall not have again the scene of different conventionist Baptists starting out with a psychological basis of war between themselves. Certainly councils of some sort will be set up by governmental authorities to make the plans. These councils will want to have represented to them rather authoritatively the views of the significant groups of people whom they represent. In the course of events we can predict that compromises will be necessary. We must have leaders who can talk for us knowing that not at every point in negotiations can they get the ideal according to our generally accepted views.

When we get this far, I believe we shall begin to lose some of our Baptist following on the ground of centralization of authority or undemocratic procedure in not referring back what they think ought to come back to our desks for our O.K. We shall lose some at this point, if not before, because they have been taught and are being taught to have no faith in anything whatever that men can do to stop war.

So the process of subtraction will begin. If we proceed in such a way as to assume that any representatives we may have shall be required to bring back to us the proposals that have been worked out, we may cancel out all the power we have to help in making peace. If time is not the essence of the contract then I should favor all reference back to conventions possible, but the chances are a rather different body each time would be the critics, all to the good in our set-up, IF time will permit. It takes

Baptists a long time to get going on the basis of our almost pure and absolute democracy, except where winning individuals is concerned. That is something quite different, involves the evangelistic process and I am not now writing on that subject. This business of making peace for a world will require a fellowship, a togetherness, that will go far beyond the usual non-socialized individualism we have emphasized in our evangelism. We shall need to practice a representative Christian democracy in this signal opportunity before this generation—we hope *this* generation.

Secondly, we must have some outline of objectives we wish to see realized. These may prove to be quite idealistic when compared with what can be actualized, but we must have them. Examples, the Atlantic Charter, the new order proposed by Pope Pius XII, which does not suit me because of what seems to be deliberately left out, or the statement by the Oxford Conference. I do not have space here to be specific. But our representatives must know about what we as Baptists want to see realized in the program for peace.

My point is that we must have something that will go beyond Scripture quotations, time worn phraseology, ordinary generalities, all of which must be interpreted to apply to the specific situations.

Thirdly, as Baptists we shall not get far, I think, in helping to make the peace if we magnify our independence of action with regard to this world wide matter. We might just as well spend our time singing, "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there," for we shall not be in action here. It seems perfectly clear to me that in addition to all we may do as individual Baptists or as local churches or as associations or as conventions or even as a World Alliance our main approach must be in hearty cooperation with similar representatives from other Protestant bodies. Because of this I should say we shall be forced to recognize in a most practical way the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the World Council, and any similar organizations which may develop in the face of what is before us all. I think this is a capital example of the fact that there are many things in this world that we as Baptists alone can not do and perhaps can not hope ever to do which the combined Protestant bodies may do and which we ought to help do. If we cannot be irenic enough to collaborate on this mighty matter, we shall have no part in making the peace. If we do cooperate it is almost certain that we shall have something to say that will register in the final agreements.

That we may immediately begin to prepare for such representative democracy, that we shall begin early to outline our objectives, that we shall commit ourselves to hearty cooperation with other Protestant bodies is my prayer. I can name hundreds of Canadian, Northern, and Southern Baptists whom I should trust to the limit to do the best job possible in representing me as a Baptist at any council having authority to determine to pattern of the peace.

It will be noted that I have not mentioned cooperation with the Roman Catholics. That omission is due to my not being able to understand at the present writing how we can expect them to stand for what is basic with us, religious freedom, freedom of worship and of conscience. I cannot get out of my mind Mexico, Spain, Ethiopia, when I read anything from the Pope or any other Roman Catholic about the freedoms. I recognize the Pope only for what I believe him to be a Christian man, with exceptional opportunity to know what is going on in his world, but I believe there are hundreds of men whose statements would be just as worthy of quotation in the papers, and much more important when dealing with religious freedom, freedom of worship, freedom of conscience. Maybe both they and we will be willing to receive more light and not slam the door of dogmatism against light from the throne of God coming down into the soul of man, without any prismatic coloring.

Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The Lord

The following lines come from an unknown minister of England, setting forth the conditions at this time:

We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—
Now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing.

We have preferred motor travel to churchgoing—
Now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship—
Now the bells cannot ring except to warn of invasion.

We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—
Now they are in ruins.

We would not listen to the way of peace—
Now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

The money we would not give to the Lord's work—
Now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

The food for which we forgot to say thanks—
Now is unobtainable.

The service we refused to give to God—
Now is conscripted for the country.

Nights we would not spend in "Watching unto prayer"—
Now are spent in anxious air raid precautions.

The evils of modernism we would not fight—
Now—see what Germany, the seat of this teaching has produced.

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LEADERSHIP FOR OUR CHURCHES

By LUTHER WESLEY SMITH

Who was the leader in our Northern Baptist Fellowship to whom the nominating committee of the Convention turned for choice for president several times before his other responsibilities permitted him to accept this highest honor in the power of Northern Baptists to bestow? Who was the man to whom the united forces of Protestantism turned for their spokesman and leader as president of the Federal Council of Churches in America - the first Baptist to be thus singled out and honored as one of America's great spiritual leaders? The answer is President Albert W. Beaven, who was given to our denomination by Shurtleff College. This college is one of our own Baptist schools.

When the Christian Youth of the world, representatives from every Protestant faith from over fifty countries of our earth, met for their first World Youth Conference, who was the young man chosen to be the general directing Secretary of that historic gathering in Amsterdam in 1939? Who was the young man chosen to be the leader of the Student Volunteer Movement when our own American Baptist Foreign Mission Society elected its secretary to become one of the secretaries of our foreign mission Board? The answer is R. Edwin Espey who was given to us by Redlands University, another one of our own Baptist colleges.

Now that our Northern Baptist agencies have moved forward in planning together a new and united youth agency, The Baptist Youth Fellowship, who is the one from among us who has been chosen to be the leader of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, as well as the director of the youth department of the Council on Christian Education? The answer is Oliver deWolf Cummings given to us also by Redlands University.

When the agency of our denomination which coordinates our missionary promotion and our common endeavorers in Christian stewardship, namely, the Council on Finance and Promotion sought for a leader two years ago, to whom did this Council turn? To that consecrated and keen-minded young man through whose wisdom and capable leadership our churches and all of our interests are beginning to sense a new vitality in our common endeavors. This young man is Earl F. Adams, given to us by our own Denison University.

When we call the roll of the men and women who have led our denomination in significant areas in the last quarter of a century and who are doing so today, we discover that three out of four and more have been given to us from our own Christian church-related schools and colleges. What has been stated in terms of personalities can also be stated in terms of statistics.

The General Council of our Convention is the Executive Committee for Northern Baptists; 66% of that leadership came from church-related colleges. The Council on Christian Education is the representative cooperative group to which have been named leaders from the various phases of our denominational life; 59% of that group graduated from our own Baptist school and colleges and 73% of that group graduated from church-related colleges.

Perhaps the most representative national group we have is the Council on Finance and Promotion - representing laymen, laywomen, ministers and all the cooperative organizations of the Convention. Of these 119 members, 106 answered the inquiry sent to them. Of that 106, 82 graduated from our own Baptist schools and 93 graduated from church related colleges of our own or other denominational colleges. 53 of the 64 presidents of all our educational institutions graduated from Christian colleges. And all these facts and figures must be examined in the light of the further fact that for over twenty years less than one-third of our children from Baptist homes have gone to Baptist, or church-related colleges. The other two-thirds have gone to tax-supported institutions.

If you had $1000 to invest in some work for Christ where it should count for most in the long run, where would you invest it? Some time ago one of the best known of our Baptist leaders said: "If I had $1000 to invest I would put it into some Christian college . . . for I would know that in doing so I was planting the seed of the Kingdom". No, that was not a college president speaking. That was the judgment and testimony of Adoniram Judson.

Our Christian colleges are doing what we have a right to expect. They are putting something into our boys and girls that produces leadership - leadership for our churches, leadership for our Christ. Our Baptist schools and colleges of which we have 55 in the area of the Northern Baptist Convention, in addition to the 9 Negro colleges in which we are interested and for which we have a continuing responsibility, are not perfect. They need more equipment, more friends, more students, more prayerful interest on our part; and we should expect on their part a careful and sensitive concern to make all the influences of campus life and of class room a stimulus to Christian faith and character. How much easier will be their task if we who care about Christian faith and character make our interest and support evident.

Whence will come the leadership of our Baptist fellowship for the common Kingdom enterprises we are undertaking in Christ's name? We will get tomorrow in large measure where we are getting it today - from our own Baptist schools, colleges and seminaries. If there is one primary continuing source of such leadership for our churches at home and our missionary enterprises abroad, should we not now guard that source—and nurture it—with prayerful and earnest care.

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BAPTIST YOUTH AT FRANKLIN

By G. MERRILL LENOX

Franklin College, Indiana, December 27, 1941, was the scene of the first meeting of the National Council of the newly created Baptist Youth Fellowship of the Northern Baptist Convention. Seventy selected young people gathered from all parts of the Northern Baptist Convention for these sessions. The ardent faith and sense of duty of this group of youth inspired all observers with a new hope for the church of the future.

The Council on Christian Education, created as a result of an action of the Northern Baptist Convention at Milwaukee, was assigned the responsibility of establishing "some type of national youth organization representative of all kinds of young people's work and of young people in the denomination." The same Council set up a youth meeting at Denison University, December 27 to 30, 1939, and the findings of that particular assemblage were submitted to the Council for thorough study. Out of this process, the Council on Christian Education presented a highly important report at the Northern Baptist Convention at Wichita, which report was adopted. All necessary official action having been taken, the first meeting of the National Council of the Baptist Youth Fellowship was called for Franklin this past Holiday Season. Rev. Douglas Rae of Bloomington, Indiana, leader of the devotional services.

Dr. Oliver deW. Cummings, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, shared the direction of the proceedings. Louis Lucas served as the Chairman of the Steering Committee. Giles Brown of San Diego, California, was elected President. Other officers elected follow:

Vice-Presidents - Forest Parsons, Annajean Richards, Ted Parker.

Corresponding Secretary - Grace Elliott

Recording Secretary - Fannie Mae Ford

Financial Secretary - Norwood Lindblom

The major portion of the time was given to discussion, there being very little opportunity for leisure and recreation. The young people faced the arduous task of building an organization and program for this new Fellowship with amazing earnestness and devotion.

Included in the new program the young people felt should be a major emphasis upon youth evangelism, missionary dynamic, leadership development, higher education, constructive Christian citizenship, personal Christian living. Visualized was a thorough-going effort to utilize the whole resources of youth and adult leaders of youth in all aspects of church work with young people. . . . on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, and during the week in an aggressive program of outreach and of local church support.

Dr. William Gear Spencer, President of Franklin College, was an attentive and genial host. Dr. Newton C. Fetter led the recreational periods at 10 o'clock each night. The Sunday night period was given over to singing, negro spirituals and Christmas carols claiming most of the time. The atmosphere of this service will probably never be forgotten by those present.

The headquarters for the Youth staff of the Baptist Youth Fellowship will be, until April 30 at least, at 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Plans are in process for adding other members to the staff at the beginning of the new fiscal year, May 1, 1942, when it is expected that the work of the B.Y.P.U. of America, the World Wide Guild, the Sunday School youth division, and other aspects of work with young people will be merged in the new national headquarters. It is pointed out that this does not necessarily require a change in the program of the local church, such decision being dependent upon the action of the individual church. It is hoped, however, that the fullest possible measure of cooperation in this new Baptist Youth Fellowship will be forthcoming.

LEADS IN NET MEMBERSHIP GAIN

The Benson Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, Rev. Selby Swift, pastor, continues to make fine progress in the various departments of the church. During the past year the church has led all of the Baptist churches of the state in net gain, received the prize for the largest group attending the summer assembly while at the same time carrying on the largest vacation school among the Baptists of the state, and the largest in Omaha, has a Sunday school which has outgrown the present educational unit, has all current bills paid with money in the treasury, and plans soon to burn the fourteen year old first mortgage, and as soon as material are available to build a new and larger educational unit.

Eighty Per Cent of World Emergency Fund Raised

New York—The World Emergency Fund, being raised by the Northern Baptist Convention through its nation-wide area, has reached 80% of its goal in New Jersey, according to Dr. Harold R. Husted, East Orange, New Jersey, Chairman of the campaign. Some churches have exceeded their share as much as 50%. Other local church bodies have not yet reported their receipts, waiting until they have raised their full quota. Dr. Husted reports that this extra giving is helping, rather than hindering, the regular giving to church expenses and missions. The state is $2,000 ahead of this time last year in its regular gifts.

ESTABLISH CHILDREN'S COLONY

New York—As one of the relief measures of the World Relief Committee, of the Northern Baptist Convention, a colony for thirty children has been established in southern France, at St. Péray in the Department of Ardéche. A new building has been provided without charge by the municipality for a two year period and the actual administration will be under the control of the Society of Friends.

KODIAK MISSION HELPS DEFENSE

New York—The war with Japan has materially changed the whole missionary situation in Kodiak, Alaska. Once a quiet mission station for the Northern Baptist Convention, now as a Naval Air Base the work of the missionaries is largely occupied with defense preparations. Nelson M. Chamberlain, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Homes, Kodiak, Alaska, has just sent word to Northern Baptist officials that black-outs and defense measures are now routine. "Our state of war with Japan has brought it very close to us at Kodiak," Mr. Chamberlain writes.

Powell Is First Negro Councilman From New York

New York—The first Negro to become a member of the New York City Council, the Rev. Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., is pastor of the Abysinian Baptist Church, Harlem. He was sworn in by Mayor La Guardia, January 5, at the City Hall in the presence of his father, Dr. Powell, now pastor-emeritus of his son's church, and 250 friends and members of his Harlem congregation. The active membership of the church is about 8,000, although the total membership is claimed to be in the neighborhood of 14,000.

Steady Growth and Healthy Condition

The readers of THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST will be glad to note the growth in the Ministers Retirement Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention. As is well known, this plan is a State unit system operated through the Relief and Annuity Board and provides for interchange of credits from one state to another. The state in which a member first takes membership assumes prior service credits.

Receipts from pastors, churches and State Boards are as follows:

1938	$ 16,043.54
1939	187,079.59
1940	440,000.00
1941	546,000.00

Membership in this plan at the end of 1938 was 296. Membership certificates issued by the close of 1941 are 5,450. The number of church agreements in the plan at the end of 1941 is approximately 7,500. Benefits from this plan in 1941 were $132,000.00, and the number of annuitants was 356.

Salaries of participating members over seven million dollars

The deadline for prior service is June 30, 1942. There are thousands of preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention who are eligible to enter this Plan who are not in it. Are you one? Do not delay and lose your prior service credits! If young enough not to need prior service credits, remember that *delay in entering reduces retirement benefits!*

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J. E. DILLARD

Now is the time for all loyal Southern Baptists to come to the help of their denomination by making a liberal, even sacrificial, offering to help pay the balance of the old debt upon the boards and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention. This embarrassing, handicapping, back-breaking debt was more than $6,000,000; now it is only $2,100,000. Thanks to all who have helped.

$2,100,000 is no small sum. It is $781,427.23 more than all Southern Baptists combined gave through the Cooperative Program to our Southwide causes during the whole year of 1941. This large debt cannot be paid by a few people or even by a large number if they give only their small change. We must appreciate the immensity of the task and make contributions worth while.

Every loyal Baptist should help. He should help to the extent of his ability. The debt is big enough to challenge people of means to give large sums. It is big enough to challenge every church to do more than its share. It is big enough to enlist every person of small means; even the boys and girls ought to have a part in doing this big job.

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is a good plan. It is well known, has been tried and has worked wonders. We ought to have the full 100,000 memberships now. Let's get them. A single membership is $1.00 a month. Any person or group may take any number of memberships. Every church should adopt a minimum goal of one Club membership for each 25 church members.

If anybody anywhere prefers to help in some other way, let him do so. But be sure to send in the cash. It is not a plan we are seeking to promote, but an old debt we want to pay.

Now is the time to do it. Our denomination needs to be free of debt *now;* it needs the money being paid in interest *now;* it needs to take care of pathetic needs it has *now.* Other calls will soon come. We must face and minister to a bewildered, bleeding, bludgeoned world for which Christ died.

We can do it now. We have the money now; we don't know what we shall have tomorrow. Let's do our best now. *February 15 is Hundred Thousand Club Day for a Debtless Denomination.*

Send your $1 now for renewal. Look on the wrapper for expiration date.

Shurtleff College Protects Her Draftees

During the days since the declaration of war, Shurtleff College has been attempting to see its way to the fullest cooperation with the government and toward meeting the needs of the students in the emergency. . . .

With this idea in mind, the faculty has voted unanimously that if a student should be drafted during any semester of his school work he may be granted full credit for his work if he has attended as much as one-half of the semester, his grades to be those earned at the time he is drafted. The faculty also decided that if a student were drafted during a semester and if he had paid his full fees, they could either be refunded on the basis on which fees are regularly returned to a student dropping from college, or they could be held in toto as a credit toward his schooling upon his return.

The college is endeavoring to do everything possible to equip students who remain in college for their ultimate participation in the activities of our nation. To that end three programs will be projected:

(1) A Civilian Pilot Training Program is being inaugurated, providing flying instruction under competent teachers to students who desire it.

(2) A military training unit is being formed in cooperation with Western Military Academy. Provision will be made here for students to learn the fundamentals of military training in a regularly organized military unit.

(3) The Phyiscal Education program will be expanded to reach all students in the college rather than just the members of the first two classes.

(4) An accelerated program is being projected that will enable students to secure their bachelor's degree in three years instead of the usual four years.

This will enable most of our young men who will be drafted at the age of twenty to complete their college work before their draft number is called. It is our hope thus to cooperate fully with our government and with our students at this critical time in the life of the nation.

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DEATHS

The "grim reaper" or the "friendly angel" continue to call from the walks of men our fellow servants. Among those who have gone we record Dr. Chester J. Oxley, 54, Granville, O., for 13 years pastor of the First Baptist church. . . . Rev. Joel E. Werda, 73, New York, who translated the English Bible into Assyrian and represented the Assyrian residents of the U. S. at the Paris Peace Conference. . . . Rev. Francis Bernauer, 71, pastor of the First Baptist church, West Townsend, Mass. . . . Rev. Robert W. Shaw, 62, Cherrydale, Kans.

Also Dr. Cortland Myers, 77, Los Angeles, for 51 years a minister and writer. . . . Rev. William Staub, 80, Norristown, Pa. . . . Rev. J. R. Routledge, 79, pastor of the Providence and Cannelton churches, Pa. . . . Rev. George B. Bradley, 80, Oneida, N. Y. . . . Rev. Delos E. Abrams, Vernon Center, N. Y., for more than 40 years in denominational work. . . . Rev. A. C. Barclay, 76, Whitby, Ontario, pastor of a number of churches in Michigan. . . . Dr. Charles True Goodsell, head of the history department of Kalamazoo College, who suffered a heart attack in the midst of a sermon. He served as vice-president and acting president of the College. . . . Rev. Henry F. Jones, 70, Macomb, Ill. . . . Rev. L. H. Coffman, St. Louis, for many years pastor in Illinois. . . .

And Clifford S. Stilwell, 53, Cleveland, O., formerly chairman of Board of Trustees of Denison University. . . . Dr. Alexander S. Wilson, Washington, D. C., for 30 years a Presbyterian missionary in India. . . . Dr. F. J. Foakes Jackson, Englewood, N. J., professor in Union Theological Seminary. . . . Dr. Paul S. Leinback, Philadelphia, editor of the Reformed Church Messenger. . . . Rev. William A. McCurdy, 54, Mineola, Long Island, Methodist missionary in China who developed the Methodist institutional church at Chungking. . . .

Also Dr. L. Franklin Gruber, Maywood, Ill., for past 14 years president of Chicago Lutheran Seminary. . . . Dr. Henry W. Luce, 73, Havorford, Pa., founder of Shantung Christian University, one time vice-president of Yenching University in China. . . . Rev. Pluang Sudhikam, pastor of the Fourth Church of Bangkok and great Christian leader in Thailand . . . Rev. Carl Gustaf Lagergren, 95, St. Paul, Minn., Baptist minister in Sweden and leader of temperance movement, coming to America he became dean of Swedish Baptist Seminary in Chicago, author, and received from King of Sweden the Order of the North Star in 1930. . . . Rev. Peter Ryden, 84, St. Paul, Minn., newspaper editor in Sweden and pastor of Baptist churches in Minnesota for nearly 40 years. . . .

And Rev. George H. Hudson, Lansing, Mich., who gave more than half a century to evangelistic work. . . .

May God bless the memory of these good people in the hearts and lives of those who knew and loved them through the years.

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LITTLE RED WAGONS

by MABELLE RAE LeGRAND

It was the day before Christmas 1941, and we were once more on our way to the southland trying to see just how other folks in our own beloved country live every day, and how they spend Christmas. Passing through a little town where folks were doing their last shopping for the loved ones at home big and little, we looked at each other and smiled as we saw a rather shabbily clad father trying to find a way to crowd into the old car's back seat a very shiny and very small red wagon. So much love was packed around that little gift that we caught the spirit as we rode along and began to watch other little towns as we sped through. Again and again we caught sight of red wagons, large and small, sometimes pulled along the street late in the evening, sometimes under strong arms and often packed in jaloppies, but over and over we realized that Christmas just as always meant little red wagons to tiny Tims.

Christmas Eve came and found us in southern Georgia. The small city was gaily decorated and streets and stores were overflowing with last minute purchasers, or with those whose pay checks had come late and must provide the goodies for young and old as well as was good to realize that in this land that some tokens of love from the family. It has so recently entered into a program of war and its inevitable suffering there would be one more gay Christmas with family circles for the most part as yet unbroken. We thanked God for one day a year when LOVE seems to be triumphant and troubles are laid on the shelf, whether we can afford to forget them or not.

And then it was Christmas Day and we were determined to eat our special dinner under a palm tree if possible. Most of the day was spent driving down through Florida and it was an unforgettable experience for now we saw that the little red wagons had arrived and were in proper hands. Early in the morning while other folks in the dull unpainted house were trying to gather stragglers to the breakfast table one touselled headed youngster was completely oblivious to calls or other interests while he tried so hard on the tiny front porch to adjust the sideboards just like his father did. There it was in all its red glory, paint still intact, posed in the most conspicuous spot of that shabby home, ready for action that was not to be long delayed. What joy in that little heart, all because of one little red wagon. The miles rolled past on the speedometer and over and over again the scene was nearly duplicated. Sometimes the little fellow whose face was still unwashed and hair uncombed had ventured down the street or the road to try it out and to make very sure of its ownership; or perhaps it really was a show-off trip along the side of the road so that less fortunate neighbors might get a view of his new treasure. All the way we knew that it was Christmas because of the innumerable little red wagons.

Yes, there were dolls too, of course, this Christmas and always, and groups here and there were examining and exchanging views of the beauties that had arrived in various stockings hung by the thousands of chimneys. It was a happy day for many folks here and everywhere and the thing that made it a day never to be lost from our thinking was the LOVE that abounded in homes of every description.

But this trip added some things to our philosophy of living. Last year another trip in another section made us very much aware of poverty, such pov erty as we had hardly thought existed in this land of ours. This year we realized that there is a simplicity of life in which one recognizes the fundamentals of living everywhere in the world, food, shelter, clothes. The great difficulty with us as with people everywhere is the extra adornment of these fundamentals which varies with locality, sometimes affected by the climate, more often by the amount of money available, of course, cultural background has a bearing on this subject and that probably gives us more grief than any other problem in our lives.

Paint on the houses surely does not produce more shelter or warmth but it does help something inside of us. It is not absolutely necessary but would undoubtedly help the morale of the drab lives lived out of these tiny shelters. A fireplace is a necessity and is cheaper and more easily fed than a stove which calls for cash and a certain type of fuel. In this country of damp days and rainy nights, even in the warmest days you may see a little curl of smoke drifting lazily out of the chimney, and that means that the beds in the usual one-room home will not be too damp for sleeping when night comes. However, this precaution is not always completely successful for the big signs of Chill Tonic again appear on many buildings along the highway. Probably the best tonic for the old folks is the inevitable rocking chair or other kind of resting place on the little front porch in the sunshine which is very sure to appear at times during the day. Besides in this neighborly sort of atmosphere this vantage point makes a neighborhood newspaper unnecessary and events of the day may be discussed before the press tells the world.

Water is a necessity and of course is included in the fundamentals but is assumed as always present. That assumption is wrong because it cost, not a little but much more than these tiny homes can produce, and so after a bit of analysis it is not hard to explain what some of the rest of us call dirt on faces and clothes. One hardly combs his hair while his face is unwashed—those two conditions seem to be companions, and as for windows and clean curtains, well, that is just too much to expect when the well is far down the road. As the evening comes on and the clock moves around to the time for eating a last bite before bedtime a procession may be seen coming along almost any road; children of many sizes with just as many kinds of little pails and kettles are wending their way to a neighbor's well or to the neighbor's pump or faucet to bring the necessary water for family use. Water may be a necessity but it is amazing how little may be necessary.

Sunshine is a wonderful tonic—if you do not have too much. Picking cotton in hot sunshine or making garden in a very sandy soil is not a joy and may be omitted as a duty if some other to exist can be discovered. Guns and houn' dogs are much more fun and can often produce a real treat for Christmas or any other day and roving hunters may appear along any road. Turpentine groves are not too strenuous in their demands for work, a very small patch of corn or tobacco will help to provide some salt pork, and a few vegetables—mustard or turnip greens —make life quite desirable and even interesting.

Whiskey is not a necessity, as some of us believe but if the advertisers have their way a much greater demand will be created, according to the bill boards of this southland. Beer has its way in the north but it seems that a damp chill calls for either a chill tonic or a flask. Even on Christmas morning the travellers met those who had read the signs too often and had considered the holiday just the right time to demonstrate the results.

Strange how we tolerate the stuff that ruins homes and people.

It is an easy life in the south apparently. Not too much is needed to live in a simple fashion and the constant good nature of black and white folks make it a friendly land. One might expect great tolerance and understanding among those of education and wide experience. It is a sad story to realize that in Christian circles there is such a lack of fellowship between those of the North and those of the South. It is as if there were a great gulf fixed. A certain very able Northern minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, yes even a Baptist came to the southland to make his home and could find no fellowship among the other Baptist ministers with the result that he has accepted a call to be the pastor of the church of another denomination. Here he serves today and preaches to a crowded house every Sabbath with a big radio audience just outside in the cars. Numerous active Baptists of the North are spending the winter in the south but do not seem to find their way into the Baptist circles. Who can suggest a way to bring about a Christian understanding of each other or will it be actually necessary for northerners to establish their own fellowship right under the shadows of our southern churches. Not all the fault is on one side by any means but we ought to lay aside our different opinions and try to understand the Christian language and living of each other. Perhaps we might begin by reading the Scriptures together and omit our personal interpretations in which the differences always arise. And then a season of prayer in which sermons are not permitted to intrude might give to us the spirit of Christ. Somehow we must find a way to bring fellowship and tolerance between Baptists. There is no better time than now.

It was another different Christmas. Pines, palms, poinsettas and fire works and little red wagons—but love abounded on the birthday of the Christ.

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BOND-BURNING SERVICE

The First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor, had a "bond-burning" service at the Church, at the end of the old year, which signified freedom from all church indebtedness. During the period of this indebtedness, which was incurred in the erection of a one-half million dollar ten-story church building April, 1922 to December, 1941, the Church raised $1,629,875.00 for all purposes; over $600,000.00 of which went to denominational objects and had 8370 additions to the membership.

Here and There In Rural America

By MARK RICH

Rains have this year changed the dust bowl from barreness to a land of sweeping grasslands and wheat fields. But still we hear stories of triumph enacted during the years of hardship and suffering. The latest comes from Rev. J. E. Dollar, Baptist field representative in western Kansas. The subjects of the story are the Rev. Alfred F. Smith and the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church.

The Mt. Pleasant church is set out in the open prairie of western Kansas, twenty miles from a railway and twenty miles from town. The land is good and produces crops when the rainfall is ample. The people are substantial farmers who take religion seriously and they have a deep loyalty to the church.

Back in 1932 the church was left without a pastor. There seemed to be no way of paying another. Trouble did not come singly that year. A little mission conducted by the church closed and the drought pressed relentlessly. Someone said it seemed that the city of the dead was encroaching on the church of the living. That thought was suggested by the location of the old stone church in the center of the cemetery.

At that point the church called as pastor a young man who had grown up in the local community. Everyone knew him and respected him as a Christian of genuine spiritual quality. He had never had opportunity for formal education beyond the eighth grade. But, the church was in distress and here was a man in whom the people had faith.

One of the first things Mr. Smith did was to arrange for a series of evangelistic meetings under the leadership of the Rev. J. E. Dollar. There were several conversions and the people were greatly encouraged. Everybody was short of money; some people even were burning prairie fuel like their fathers had done in the early pioneer days. Yet the congregation wanted a more suitable church building. An abondoned church building located several miles away was available. After careful planning and generous giving the church decided that it could be moved. The cost was $1,200.00 and all of the bill excepting $100.00 has been paid. Another series of meetings were held; this time with larger results.

During these years the church lost 73 regular attendants through removal to other communities. (That was a common experience to all churches in the dust bowl.) Yet, 43 additions were made to the church, 37 of which were by baptism. The membership of the church is now 135. Congregations have increased in size, the average attendance being 40 in 1932, 50 in 1933, and over 100 in 1939 and it has staid there ever since. Nor has the church thought of itself alone for it has given over $200 a year to the unified budget.

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Young People in College

Mr. Smith has consistently urged his young people to attend college and has helped make arrangements for them to attend. This is the church's record; 3 youth in college in 1936; 3 in 1937; 4 in 1938; 5 in 1939; 6 in 1940 and 8 in 1941. One of the young people was a delegate to the Dennison youth conference and now is one of the three delegates to the national Baptist Youth Fellowship.

The pastor of the Mt. Pleasant church is a man of many interests. He is a community leader. He has served on the county board of the Farm Bureau, he takes an active interest in the 4H clubs, in the school and in the Red Cross. Mr. Smith counsels his people to take leadership in community projects. He says that if these organizations are to have good leadership the church should provide it.

DR. GEO. L. WHITE RETIRES

A testimonial luncheon was held in New York, December 19, 1941, in honor of Dr. George L. White, Field Secretary of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. White's retirement becomes effective February 1, 1942, but the occasion was held just before his leaving New York for California where he expects to make his home and, for a limited time, to render special field service to the Board. Dr. White has been in Northern Baptists service for 45 years. He rendered distinguished service in the West until 1928 when he joined the staff of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. For a short period of time he served in the capacity of Western Secretary, after which he came to New York to assume the post of Associate Secretary. Dr. White is loved and honored everywhere for his kindly spirit, his staunch character, and the high quality of ministry he has rendered.

D.D.'s For Ministers

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO DISTRIBUTE YOUR EMPHASIS IN PREACHING.

The tendency in all preaching is to stress some truths to the exclusion of others of equal importance. As ministers we have special oases in the scripture to which we like to hie on all occasions. There are favorite scriptures that delight us to discuss, and choice morsels we like to share with our people.

This is the great benefit of Seminary training, we are there taught to see doctrines in their relations one with another. It saves us from "going to seed on one doctrine and never sprouting" on some other teaching of equal value.

It saves us from running off on tangents and getting lost on detour. It prevents us from riding hobbies.

How many ministers have led their people Sunday after Sunday to the "Jordan" and left them standing on the banks while they discoursed on baptism. One brother wondered when his pastor would take his people across and permit them to enter into the Promised Land.

The emphasis may be on great and worthy doctrines, but whatever it is, there are other doctrines that should not be neglected. Sometimes it is evangelism, and the pastor preaches nothing else; but what about training and culturing those he brings to birth? Sometimes it is sanctification, the Second Coming, Close Communion, and sometime it is Hitler.

DON'T ENVY YOUR BROTHER MINISTER WHATEVER HIS HONORS.

Honors usually are not bestowed by chance or accident. If one pastor steps up and goes ahead, let no fellow minister assume that it was luck, or by a special pull. "Pulls" may occasionally promote men even in the ministry, but more often it is "push" and years of hard and effective work.

Here is a minister who allows his larder of intellectual accumulations to run low; his mental resource has not been constantly replenished; he jogged along through his ministerial years, taking the course of least resistance in preparation and preaching, and then wonders why he does not command top prices on the ministerial market.

Leadership in the ministry, as elsewhere, is not a lottery, and he who thinks that by some lucky chance he will come into prominence and power, will of all of his days be doomed to disappointment.

It sounds like a strange contradiction of terms, but one must "dig to rise." If one would rise to the heights, one must learn to discipline oneself for the climb. And behind the spectacular rise are often years of hardest kind of training.

Do not envy your fortunate brother, but resolve to so discipline your mind and spirit that when opportunity knocks at your door you may be ready to respond.

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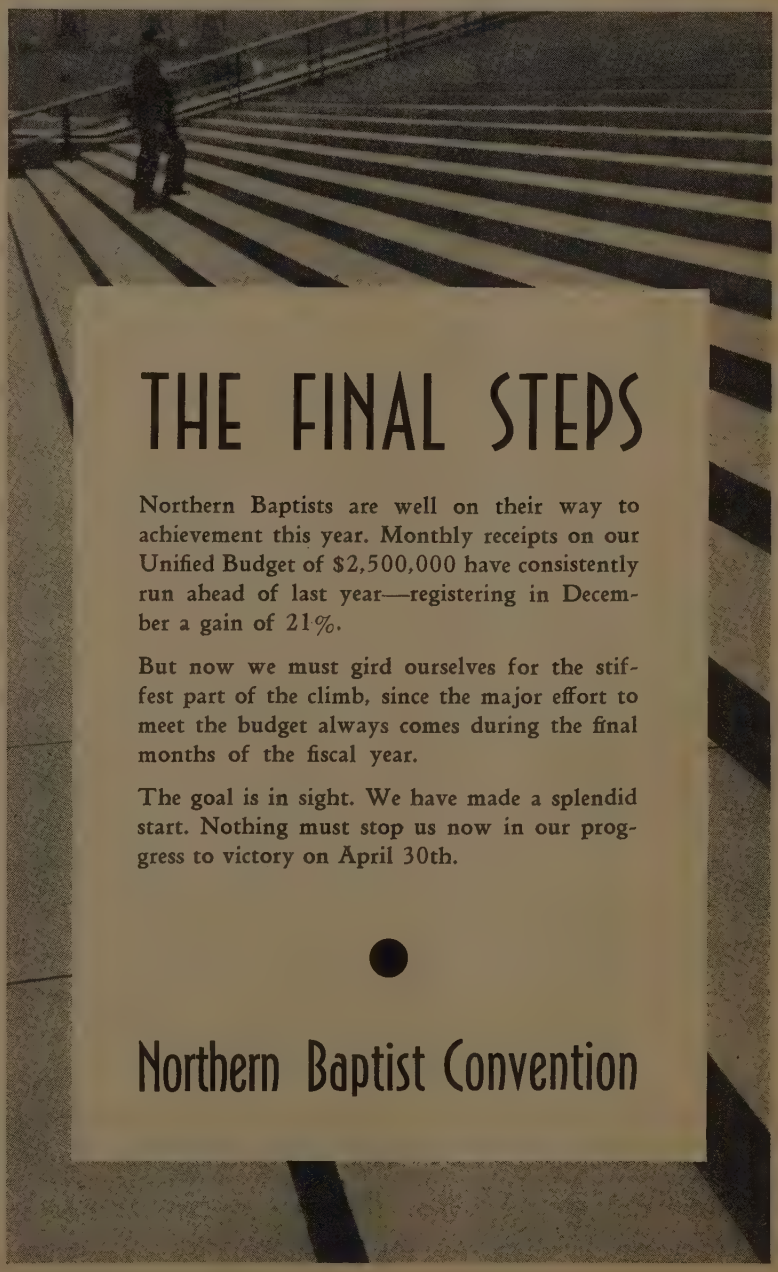
DR. ARTHUR E. HOLT DIES

Funeral service for Dr. Arthur E. Holt, professor and chairman of the Department of Social Ethics of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and the Chicago Theological Seminary, will be held Friday (Jan. 17) at 3 p.m. in the United Church of Hyde Park, 53rd street and Blackstone avenue. Dr. Holt who died in his office at the Seminary yesterday (Tues., Jan. 13) morning following a heart attack, had been a member of the University's faculty for more than thirty-five years. He was 65. Nationally known as an authority on the relations between religion and society, he would have retired to became professor emeritus at the end of the present academic year, in June.


THE FINAL STEPS
Northern Baptists are well on their way to achievement this year. Monthly receipts on our Unified Budget of $2,500,000 have consistently run ahead of last year—registering in December a gain of 21%.
But now we must gird ourselves for the stiffest part of the climb, since the major effort to meet the budget always comes during the final months of the fiscal year.
The goal is in sight. We have made a splendid start. Nothing must stop us now in our progress to victory on April 30th.
Northern Baptist Convention

NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

Chinese Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek are leading the "New Life Movement" in China which seeks "health for all, education for all, better homes for all and higher standards of living for all."

In Northern California during the past nine years the population has increased 21%, while the Baptist membership increased 39% and the missionary giving increased 34%.

In December, 100 pacifist pastors in the Chicago area met in the First Methodist church of Evanston to plan for the work of the churches in these war days.

Since 1936 Dr. Theodore S. Adams, pastor of the First church, Richmond, Va., has welcomed 1,531 new members, 491 by baptism.

The Buddhists have recently dedicated a $100,000 temple in Seattle, Wash. It is reported that many white people are becoming Buddhists.

More than 200 people attended the Cleveland School of Religion with classes for many groups. Dr. Edwin Poteat conducted a "town hall" meeting each evening.

Tremont Temple, Boston, where Dr. C. Gordon Brownville is pastor reports an average attendance at the evening services of over 2,300.

Evangelist James W. Kramer recently conducted a revival campaign at Kelso and Longview, Wash., with more than 235 additions to the churches.

Upon the recommendations of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society the Northern Convention meeting in Cleveland in May will vote on the merger of these societies.

Something new in the way of church papers is The Tower Light, published by the Austin Baptist church, Chicago, with Dr. F. Erdman Smith, pastor. It carries promotional material for all departments of the church, with announcements of coming events in Chicago.

President Pat M. Neff of Baylor University, in an appropriate ceremony accepted a bronze wall plaque of one of her most honored sons, United States Senator Tom Connally.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has just refinanced its indebtedness with a loan of $450,000 from the First National Bank of New York City. The loan bears an interest rate of 2½%, saving the Convention $30,000 a year.

During the year ending June 30, 1941, 11,600,000 soldiers attended 118,990 religious services, as reported by Col. Wm. R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains. At the beginning of the year there were 130 chaplains in the regular army. At the end of the year there were 1,330 in all the service.

In 1934 the Home Mission Board of the Southern Convention had 150 missionaries. Today it employs nearly 400 missionaries working in more than 860 stations. During the past year 40 new missionaries have been added and 90 new stations opened. During this year 40,000 Bibles and Testaments and over 600,000 tracts have been distributed.

Mr. R. H. Coleman of Dallas, Texas, is quoted in Home Missions as saying that sometimes Dr. Truett mails out 10,000 Chrstmas and New Year messages. It was a wonderfully helpful message he sent out this year.

The Baptist Record of Iowa has been published for 42 years by Mr. H. H. Sadler.

The First church of Iowa City, Rev. E. E. Dierks, pastor, has just celebrated its 100th anniversary.

It is reported that Madame Sun Yat Sen, widow of the founder of the Chinese Republic was taken to safety from Hong Kong by Chinese and American pilots before the city was captured.

The American Mission to Lepers received during the past year over $300,000. This mission is supported by 37 denominations and is working in 200 leper colonies in 48 countries, with about 150,000 lepers receiving treatment.

The British and Foreign Bible Societies continue their world-wide work unhindered by the war, sending the scriptures into countries around the world.

During the eight years of Dr. Clarence W. Kemper's pastorate with the First church, Denver, a $250,000. building has been erected. During the past three years the debt has been reduced from $77,500 to $32,500 while giving to missions has increased.

The Baptists of West Virginia are organizing in their churches "First Day Clubs", seeking to enlist all their people in the suport of the church work with the slogan, "Christian Living is Christian Giving."

The Euclid Avenue Baptist church Cleveland, O., is sponsoring a "Baptist Sunday Evening Hour" for all Baptists whose churches do not have evening services. Cleveland Baptists also broadcast each Sunday morning at 8:10 over WGAR. These broadcasts are directed by Dr. D. R. Sharpe.

Something new in retreats! Forty carloads of members and friends of the Lakewood Baptist church, Cleveland, O., under the escort of a police car, journeyed to Fairview Village recently for their retreat to plan for the year's work.

About 100 Jewish soldiers at Camp Robinson, Ark., gave up their Christmas furloughs so that their Christian friends might spend the Christmas at home.

The Presbyterian Emergency Commission has made available a pocket-sized devotional outfit for soldiers and sailors: a New Testament, the Psalms, a 24-page devotional booklet, identification pages and a celluloid holder for photographs.—Christian Century.

The North Carolina Baptist convention has protested the allocating to Catholics of the management of a proposed $160,000 recreational building at Fayetteville, N. C., because most of the contributors were Protestants.

It is reported in Christian Century that "all members of the leading groups of the Confessional Church in Germany are in prison, apart from those who are on military service. 86% of the Confessional pastors have been sent into military service."

Dr. Oliver K. Black, pastor of the Congregational Church of Port Huron, Mich., has been elected field secretary of the department of evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

The Christian people of Southern California are doing what they can to keep a Christian spirit toward the 38,000 Japanese in the Los Angeles area. On a Sunday night immediately after the bombing of Pearl Harbor the First Presbyterian church of Long Beach invited the members of a Japanese church to worship with its members and the Japanese choir marched with the regular choir, joining in the singing and worship.

More than 75,000 people attended the meetings in Wichita, Kans., during which two great Methodists—Dr. Bob Shuler and Dr. Roy L. Smith did the preaching.

The Supreme Court of Oklahoma has ruled that state busses may not lawfully transport parochial school children, even if the bus does not have to go out of its way to do it.

THE MULBERRY METHODIST CHURCH, MACON, GA., a few years ago owed $125,000 on its church edifice. Hard times came and bond holders were glad to settle for $53,000. Years have passed now. The church has now decided to disregard the compromise and to pay the balance of the debt for which they are not legally bound, feeling that morally it still owes the indebtedness.—Watchman-Examiner.

THE TEXAS STYLE—More than 10,000 attended the annual meeting of the Sunday school workers and more than 13,000 the Baptist Training Union convention in Ft. Worth. Abilene entertained more than 4,000 at the state convention; 1,240 registered for the brotherhood meeting and the women crowded the largest church auditorium at their meeting. Baptists of all kinds number more than 1,200,000 in this state.

THE NATIONAL NEGRO INSURANCE ASSOCIATION has presented a beautiful plaque to Rev. Glenn T. Settle, Negro Baptist minister, who founded and directs "Wings Over Jordan", for his contribution to interracial understanding.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE in New York City held a dedication service, lasting two hours, for the part that has been finished. 16,000 people were present. The building is 520 feet long, has already cost $20,000,000 and will take at least ten million to complete it. It will have a capacity of 40,000 standing worshippers and will be the largest cathedral in America.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY at its recent session adopted a resolution stating that "the relationship between the General Association and our educational institutions shall be one of control." They are seeking to liquidate the Kentucky Baptist Education Society, a laymen's organization which controls Georgetown College, according to Walter W. Sikes in the Christian Century.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD, IND., Dr. W. E. Sharp, pastor, has just celebrated its centennial. It has a membership of 745.

DR. BENJAMIN T. LIVINGSTON has retired from the faculty of the Eastern Baptist Seminary and will make his home at Osterville, Cape Cod, Mass.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA oversubscribed its quota of $50,000 in its "Aid to British Churches Fund."

THE COLORADO MINISTERS' RETREAT was held last month at Boulder with Dr. Weldon M. Wilson, North Shore church, Chicago, and Dr. Ralph Mayberry, Los Angeles City Mission Society as leaders. Room and meals were furnished for all missionary pastors and those with salaries less than $1,000.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OTTAWA, ILL., has celebrated its 100th anniversary. Among the speakers were Dr. R. G. Schell, state secretary and former pastor Rev. G. C. Fetter of Minneapolis.

SHURTLEFF COLLEGE, ALTON, ILL., was host to the Illinois Ministers' Retreat. Among the speakers were Dr. Gordon Poteat of Crozer Seminary, Dr. H. B. Benninghoff and Dr. Henry Prochazka.

THE TEXAS BAPTIST CONVENTION has planned "A Will-Making Week" in which they will call attention to the need of their people making wills and remembering the Baptist institutions and work. It is estimated that 7,000 Baptists die each year and 90% of them do not make a will, which involves around twenty million dollars annually.

THE NATIONAL EVANGELICAL COUNCIL and the Federal District Ministerial Alliance of Mexico City have assured President Camacho of their prayers and support. A great bonfire was kindled in which some million copies of communist textbooks, used in public schools and elsewhere, were burned.

THE STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA in its recent meeting made provision to guarantee an annual subsidy of $12,000 to The Biblical Recorder, its state paper.

REV. PHIL TAYLOR conducted special spiritual recovery crusade services at the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., where Rev. Verner I. Olson is pastor.

EIGHT NATIONAL INTERCHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, represented by 250 church leaders, met recently in Atlantic City and voted to merge their organizations into one new agency. A continuing committee was appointed for further study, which will report at another meeting in December of 1942.

THE TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCES have merged and held their first joint session recently at Crossville, Tenn.

IN INDIANAPOLIS POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL F. MORRISSEY, a Catholic, and Lieut. Charles E. Weddle, a Methodist, are leading a real go-to-church campaign. They are convinced that the churches have great influence toward civic righteousness.

LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

It has been said that "length of service is one of the acid tests of a man's ministry." Rev. F. W. Johnson had served the Grace church, Washington, D. C. 35 years when he resigned recently. . . . Rev. J. J. Walker has begun his 17th year with the Central Disciples church of Memphis, building it from a tabernacle to the present $70,000 Gothic structure. . . . Rev. and Mrs. Gustaf A. Sword have begun their 21st year with the Kachins in Burma, seeing the membership grow from 200 to 4,500. . . .

And Dr. Millard A. Jenkins has begun his 27th year with the First church, Abilene, Texas, with a membership of 3,753. . . . Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Andreason, Baptist Home, Red Wing, Minn., have just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. . . . Rev. E. M. Steadman, has completed 30 years as a missionary of the Home Mission Society of the Northern Convention, serving as general evangelist in the Rocky Mountain area. . . . Dr. Harold C. Abbott has been with the First church, Everett, Mass. for eleven years and the church just celebrated its 70th anniversary. . . . Rev. Harry C. Leach has completed 25 years with the First church, Hackensack, N. J. . . . During the ten years Dr. Horace W. Cole has been with the First church, Alhambra, Calif., there have been 828 additions and 268 baptisms. . . .

And Dr. Fred MacArthur has finished 10 years with the First church, Ludlow, Vt. With a membership of 200 the prayer-meeting averages more than 100. . . . Rev. W. J. Peterson after 15 years with the First church, Flagler, Colo., has accepted the call of the Pear Park church, Grand Junction, Colo. . . .

HELP PAY OUR DEBTS NOW

Feb. 15—Baptist Hundred Thousand Club Day for a Debtless Denomination—Feb. 15

An Appeal to Southern Baptists

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, December 17, 1941, with representatives of the Convention agencies present authorized the following appeal:

TO THE BAPTISTS OF THE SOUTH

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ:

We feel constrained to call your attention to a matter of great concern and ask your prayerful and immediate action.

We are facing the most crucial situation our country, our churches, and our people have ever known. It behooves us to take stock, study strategy, lay plans, and get rid of anything and everything that would hinder the largest possible service to Christ and to humanity in this day of days.

One hindering and humiliating burden we carry is the debt upon our general denominational agencies. This debt happily has been reduced from approximately $6,000,000 to $2,161,055.66, but it ought to be entirely wiped out. It ought to be done now. It can be if our people will wholeheartedly, sacrificially, and concertedly act now. We, therefore, urge:

1. That special effort be made immediately to actually realize one hundred thousand memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.
2. That February 15, or nearest suitable Sunday, be observed as Baptists Hundred Thousand Club or Debtless Denomination Day.
3. That every church be asked to adopt a minimum goal of one Club membership for each twenty-five church members.
4. That cash contributions be taken and credit given on this goal. One Club membership for every $12.00 contributed.
5. That all holding Centennial memberships or having made pledges toward the Debtless Denomination be urged to pay the same as rapidly as possible.
6. That wise follow-up plans be adopted in the effort to enlist every member of every church in this special effort to rid our denomination of its debt.

If, for any reason, it is not deemed best to ask for Club memberships, then ask for cash contributions. Ask all to help.

We call upon all our agencies, organizations, and people to join wholeheartedly and immediately with our pastors in this special effort to have a Debtless Denomination NOW.

Yours for a Debtless Denomination NOW.

W. W. HAMILTON,
President, Southern Baptist Convention

CHAS. W. DANIEL,
President, Executive Committee, S. B. C.

J. E. DILLARD,
Director of Promotion, S. B. C.

For A Debtless Denomination In 1945

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAPTISTS

News From The Nation's Capital

GEORGE B. FRASER, President | FEBRUARY, 1942 | RUFUS W. WEAVER, Executive Secretary

Pension Plan For Pastors Now In Effect Here

GEORGE B. FRASER

Pastors of all District churches are now eligible for the Retirement Pension Plan of either the Southern or Northern Baptist Conventions as of January 1st, 1942.

A majority of the pastors are expected to enroll under the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Agreement has been reached with the Relief and Annuity Board under which agreement the Church, the Pastor, the Convention and the Relief and Annuity Board jointly assume the annual payments necessary.

Announcement that the agreement had been reached was received by the Pastors and the churches with enthusiasm. Negotiations had been underway for months. At the annual meeting of the Convention last November the plan was given approval. Churches in the meantime had indicated their desire to cooperate in the monthly payments. The District of Columbia Convention was the last to join the plan among the states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

HOME MISSION BOARD PROPOSES TO LAUNCH PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON

In cooperation with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention proposes to inaugurate a City Mission program in the District. The Home Board plan calls for the appointment of a City Mission Superintendent. It will also bear the expense of his office. The District will be called upon to join in financing the actual work proposed.

It is expected that the Northern Baptist Convention will also offer to cooperate in this new mission endeavor since both the Northern and Southern Conventions have indicated their desire to do so. The presentation of facts concerning the needs here and the visit of officials of both Conventions hastened the action.

The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was called into special session on January 12th to consider the matter. The Rev. M. C. Stith, chairman of the Executive Committee of the District Convention was in attendance and made a strong plea for assistance. The Board under the direction of Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretary, unanimously voted to enter the field immediately.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary of the District Convention for months has been pressing the matter. His presentation of the need was so impressive that some kind of action was expected. Sometime ago the United States Baptist presented the case editorially

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DR. RUFUS W. WEAVER GRANTED THREE MONTHS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, has been granted a three month's leave of absence.

Dr. Weaver was taken ill while attending the mid-year meeting of the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention in Chicago the middle of December. He has been ordered by his physician to take a complete rest and to refrain from all normal Convention activity. Friends in the District and throughout the country

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Goal of 2,000 New Subscriptions To United States Baptist Set

Two thousand new subscribers to The United States Baptist is the goal set by a special committee composed of Rev. M. C. Stith, Rev. Ray Garrett, Rev. Glenn B. Faucett, and Rev. Mike Elliott.

Importance of publicity for Convention affairs and for the Churches at this time is stressed by the committee. Pastors of all Convention churches are requested by the committee to assist in reaching the goal at the earliest possible moment. A friendly rivalry between churches in securing the largest number of subscribers in proportion to membership is suggested.

The subscription price is $1.00 per year.

Renewals should be sent in at once also. Many subscriptions in the District are expiring at this time.

"So important is publicity at this time," the committee said, "that we believe every Pastor and the leaders of church organizations, will heartily and enthusiastically support us in reaching the goal of 2,000 new subscribers. The United States Baptist is ideal for the presentation locally and nationally of our work and its far-reaching effect on national Baptist life. We ask everyone to support us. Subscription campaigns are now underway in nearly all other Conventions. We must not lag behind other state Conventions. The United States Baptist ought to be in every Baptist home in the District. Help us get the 2,000 new subscribers," the committee said. Definite plans for the campaign will be announced at an early date.

Osgood Succeeds Dr. B. P. Robertson At the Hyattsville Church

The Rev. Henry Osgood of Plainfield. Maine, has succeeded Dr. B. P. Robertson as pastor of the Hyattsville Baptist Church. Dr. Robertson recently retired after many successful years with the church.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS AHEAD

The Board of Lady Managers of the Baptist Home of the District of Columbia will meet Monday, February 2nd.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Baptist Home for Children will meet Tuesday, February 3rd.

Baptist Student Union meetings are held the second and fourth Monday evenings at the First Baptist Church.

BAPTIST STRATEGY IN GREATER WASHINGTON

250,000 New Residents Expected in 1942

By George W. Griffin

During the year 1942, according to an official government announcement, 250,000 persons will be added to the present population of 1,000,000 making a total population of 1,250,000 in Greater Washington.

This additional spiritual opportunity imposed upon the District of Columbia Baptist Convention will be accepted without reserve in spite of the tremendous obligations already imposed by the migration of thousands of government workers.

Our Baptist fathers were wiser than they realized in locating the early churches. For instance, the First Baptist Church, now located at Sixteenth and "O" Streets, N. W. was organized 140 years ago. Dr. Henry W. Tralle in making a survey recently declared that the present location of this church was the most strategic of any church in Washington. This church is within a few blocks of the White House. Calvary Church, while a down town church, serves the largest Baptist congregation in the city, and is used for more public gatherings than any other church regardless of denomination. Calvary is located at Eighth and "H" Streets, N.W. Metropolitan, located at Sixth and "A", N. E. is the nearest Baptist Church to the Capitol. Metropolitan ministers to a large residence section—one of the best in the city. It is one of the key churches in location. Dr. John Compton Ball has led the church for forty years. Another strategic church is National Memorial Baptist Church, located at Sixteenth and Columbia Road, N. W. This church stands in Washington as the representative of all American Baptists. It is of imposing and stately appearance adding grace and beauty to the row upon row of apartment buildings reaching out in all directions.

The noble men and women who selected the locations of the churches named above looked into the future and the wisdom of their choice is evident. Location of churches in recent years has been done with the same foresight. Among these we would mention Takoma Park, East Washington Heights, Brookland, Chevy Chase, Fountain Memorial, Bethesda, Brookmont, Silver Springs, and the newest church, one year old, Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church. Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church is located at 5315 North Capitol Street overlooking the largest and most recent residential development in the District of Columbia.

In subsequent articles it is my purpose to present other churches not mentioned here to the readers of The United States Baptist. All of them are rendering unusual service in the attempt to meet the emergency presented by the influx of thousands of government workers and the changes natural to a metropolitan city.

As a missionary in Washington for the past seven years I have reached some very definite conclusions. I have made surveys of the new suburban sections—and there are many of them. Almost overnight a new development begins and within a few months a small city is fully developed. Many of these new suburban developments have no church of any denomination. I know of no greater challenge to Baptists anywhere in this country.

To meet the war emergency, which will not permit the erection of new buildings, it seems to me after years of experience in planting mission work that the present strategy is that presented in the New Testament.

New Testament strategy is to gather a group together in a home and plan for the permanent organization of a church in that community. When the church is organized let them meet in the homes of the members. Let the church with the cooperation of the Convention secure a site for the permanent church home. When the present emergency is over the church will have property upon which to build. New members will have been added and the church will be in position to begin immediately the erection of a building. In the meantime the spiritual needs of the new area will have been met as far as Baptists can meet them.

It should also be borne in mind that Washington is a great foreign mission challenge as well as a home mission challenge. Washington is now the world's capital and as such thousands of representatives of all the nations are arriving. Now is the time for Baptists to saturate the thinking processes of men and women of all nations with their principles. And the only way they can do this is to reach out as quickly as possible into every nook and corner of this mighty world capital —proclaiming with courage the unsearchable riches of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Propose Six-Page Supplement In The United States Baptist

A six page supplement in the United States Baptist has been recommended by the Executive Committee of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

This supplement would carry each month important action of the Boards and Committee of the Convention, news from the churches and other organizations. A campaign for 2000 new subscribers would be launched under the direction of a committee composed of Rev. Ray Garrett, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Rev. M. C. Stith, pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church, Rev. Glenn B. Faucett, pastor of the East Washington Heights Baptist Church, and Rev. Mike Elliott, pastor of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church.

The enlarged Mission program, the need of bringing about a deeper sense of unity of mind and action and the fact that the Convention has not had an adequate medium of publicity, brought about the recommendation of a special committee appointed to study the plan. This committee, composed of Mr. George B. Fraser, Rev. Ray Garrett and Rev. M. C. Stith, recommended the plan to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee accepted the recommendation.

McLendon Is New President of Sunday School Superintendents

Cecil McLendon, superintendent of the Church School of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church, has been elected president of the Baptist Sunday School Superintendents Association.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the National Memorial Baptist Church on Monday, February 2nd at 7:45. In addition to the conferences for departmental groups the Association will be addressed by Dr. Gove Johnson, pastor of National Memorial.

Dr. F. W. Johnson Retires After Thirty Five Years At Grace

Dr. F. W. Johnson, for thirty-five years pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, has retired. He has been succeeded by the Rev. Walter M. McMillan who has been Associate Pastor for several years. Dr. Johnson will be tendered a testimonial dinner by the Baptist Minister's Conference at an early date. A more detailed account of Dr. Johnson's ministry at Grace will appear in a later issue of The United States Baptist.

WORLD TRENDS AS VIEWED FROM WASHINGTON

By Henry L. Sweinhart

Washington has become during the past days and months more and more a world center. This is true in many ways. And it is true from the spiritual, as well as from the political, economic and military points of view. It is but natural that the capital of the greatest, the most powerful, the most influential nation in the world should thus assume premiership as a leader in world thought and effort.

This was emphasized in a most striking and spectacular manner by the recent visit to the United States and to Washington of the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill, with his train of prominent advisers; as well as by a succession of other outstanding officials from the various united nations with which this country is now associated in its armed stand against the Axis powers.

With the Premier of Great Britain and the President of the United States —the acting heads of the two greatest nations in the world—sleeping in the White House under the same roof, conferring there together over the tremendous problems which had been thrust upon their governments, as well as upon their democratic allies, by a power-mad maniac, there was a sudden realization of the fact that Washington had become in reality a leading, if not the leading, capital of the world. Both in incoming and in outgoing waves of thought as they affected the actions of other nations and peoples, was this true. Washington was both the recipient and the sender of world feeling and expression. More and more there was pouring into this capital reports in regard to the hopes, the desires, the attitudes of other governments and their peoples. More and more they were listening with attentive ear to what the United States—the model democracy to which they have looked for so much in the way of guidance and example—listening, we say, to what the United States was intending to do in this or that particular matter.

This world attitude, this focusing of all eyes upon Washington, has furnished the nation and its leaders an opportunity for world leadership such as no other nation in the world ever before possessed. It is an opportunity for the present; a hope for the future; an opportunity to furnish the guidance and the aid which is needed; a hope that this will bring about a world in which righteousness and justice will prevail and in which lasting peace will reign.

"Establishment of an international order in which the spirit of Christ shall rule the hearts of men and of nations"—the victory hope expressed by President Roosevelt—was typified by his attendance with Prime Minister Churchill, while the latter was in Washington, at two church services in which they sat side by side, sang the same hymns and raised their hearts together in prayer to the God they both worship for a just and lasting peace.

Likewise Sumner Welles, Under-secretary of State, speaking for this government at the opening of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the American States, voiced similar sentiment when he said:

"The ideals which men have cherished have always, throughout the course of history, proved themselves to be more potent than any other factor. Nor conquest, nor migrations; nor economic pressure, nor pestilence; nor revolt, nor assassinations have ever yet been able to triumph over the ideals which have sprung from men's hearts and men's minds. Notwithstanding the hideous blunders of the past generations; notwithstanding the holocaust of the present moment, that great ideal of "a universal dominion of right by such a concert of free peoples as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free" still stands untarnished as the supreme objective of a suffering humanity. That ideal will yet truimph."

In the part which Washington is now playing as center of world political thought and as a star of hope to which the nations are looking for help and direction, it is believed that it will continue with unswerving faith to make men everywhere realize that the ideals for which their fathers have fought and died and which have been handed down to them must and will triumph. These ideals must have as their deep foundation the fundamental principles and truths of Christianity; otherwise they will not survive.

As Washington with its world outlook studies the present needs of the millions in other lands who are counting on the United States to save them from a hopeless fate and as it appraises the future hopes and aspirations of mankind, it must be guided by those basic principles of truth and justice, of right and humanity, of honesty and fair-dealing which Christ taught: the principles in which we as Christians believe and which we feel confident, must and will prevail. The vast majority of people the world over want relief from that oppression which a small group of dictatorial leaders are now trying to impose upon them; they want to live lives in which they shall have freedom to work and to study and to worship.

With firm trust that the united nations of the world will win from a military standpoint over their foes, it is most important that this government, as a Christian nation, take the lead also in "winning the peace" which will follow the war. Unless it is a peace that is lasting and just, a peace under which men will be happier in all their human relations and in their relation to God, the war will have been fought in vain. Every Christian must do his part, through prayer and helpful effort, to see that the United States with illimitable opportunities it now holds to lead mankind upward to higher planes of living, to richer and more ennobling Christian experience, lets all its actions be illuminated by true Christianity.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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are assured of his complete recovery in due time.

During the absence of Dr. Weaver the Convention has authorized President George B. Fraser and the Rev. M. C. Stith, chairman of the Executive Committee, to conduct Convention affairs. President Fraser and Mr. Stith are giving one half day three times each week to Convention affairs. They are receiving the full cooperation of all other officers of the Convention and members of committees.

Dr. E. E. Richardson Celebrates 29th year at Congress Heights

On Sunday, January 24th Dr. E. E. Richardson celebrated his 29th year as pastor of the Congress Heights Baptist Church. Dr. Richardson has held only one pastorate—that of Congress Heights. For many years he was Professor of Philosophy at George Washington University, carrying on his pastoral work at the same time. Dr. Richardson holds another record of 56 years without missing a single Sunday School session.

Book Month . . . . By Alfred L. Murray

UNITED STATES BAPTIST BOOK CLUB

Selection No. 1

MAKER OF MEN. By Sherwood Eddy. Harpers. 141 pp. $1.50.

The author has selected the choicest thoughts from two of his books 'Maker of Men, and Suffering and War' published in England during World War No. I, but now out of print. This volume is, as its successful predecessors were, written for those "who must face the personal and national problems raised by World War at home and abroad", and who look for a just and lasting peace to follow.

Dr. Eddy writes out of a full life, rich in experiences gained through wide travel, experiences and reading. His journeys have taken him to the nations of the world, to the homes of the wealthy and the poor, and into the trenches with soldiers. He knows life with its weakness, pride, sorrow, success, and failure. He voices in these pages the strong conviction that only Jesus Christ, the Maker of Men, can build noble, strong, and happy lives. In Him is the secret of character building. The qualities which made His life masterful and sublime will elevate and enrich life today. These attributes are: Submission to God's will; personal religious experience; simple yet consistent habits of life; creative prayer, and exercise in Christian service. These principles are developed into a practical technique, clearly stating how they may become a reality in one's own life. The place of the church and sacraments, suffering and daily discipline, and the hope of immortality in character building are discussed. Illustrations from travel, history, philosophy, bibliography, and life are wisely selected, adding interest and charm to the reading of the book. This is a very worth-while gift for one in military service. The tone of the whole volume is spiritually gratifying and inspiring.

Selection No. 2.

UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF. By Ernest R. Groves. Emerson. 279 pp. $2.50.

The purpose of this readable book is to offer practical information, to the average person, that will enable him to understand himself and his problems more intelligently, by familiarizing him with the mental, physical, social, and spiritual aspects of his life, and thereby increase his efficiency and happiness.

One cannot comprehend the mental hygiene of personality until he analyzes, in the light of psychology, all that goes into the making of personality. He must have a knowledge of the influence, for good or evil, of early childhood experiences and training. He must know what things retard, develop, mould and make us as we are. The reader is, therefore, informed about the chemistry of the body, the functioning of glands, the creative function of the brain, the power of urges, drives, impulses, and emotions. The individual is led to see why he acts, reacts, forms habits, creates moods, and faces peculiar personal problems that retard personality development. This is the type of book for which many people have looked. Other volumes contain similar information, but no author has presented the subject so simply and direct as this Christian professor of sociology. He sees in man more than a machine. Always, he is conscious of the sacredness of personality. Once you have read a few pages in this publication, you would never want to be without it.

BOOK REVIEWS

A Practical Handbook of Worship. By Albert A. Susott. Revell. 173 pp. $1.50.

This is a book of ways, methods, and plans which may be used in any church to enrich the spiritual qualities of a worship service. True to its title, the handbook is preeminently practical. It takes you through worship services, from beginning to end, offering expedient and acceptable suggestions at all points. The author has had much experience in planning and conducting worship services, and possesses clarity of insight which enables him to point out in few words the weakness in devotional programs, and how they can be made beautiful, meaningful, and worshipful. The practical value of the handbook may be realized by listing a few of the topics considered: "Reasons why we worship, tests of a worship service, suggestions for leaders, the elements of worship, training the group to participate, special types of services, etc."

Christian Doctrine. By J. S. Whale. Macmillan. 187 pp. $2.00.

The author is Principal of Chestnut College, Cambridge, England, is a preacher of power, and is one of the foremost world authorities on Calvin and Calvinism. Readers who carefully peruse this product of the heart and mind of a Christian scholar, occupied with the restatement of Christian belief, will find constant references to Calvin and his famous "Institute." A clarity of exposition is conspicious from the beginning to the end of this masterly volume, which is an expansion of lectures delivered to approximately six hundred university students. For the minister specifically, and for the studious layman, this careful reworking of the material which actually moves through the living center of Christian thought, today as well as yesterday, ought to prove a treasure-house of suggestion and inspiration. It is a serious and yet colorful presentation of Christian truth in an age which sorely needs this kind of literature.

Don't Be Afraid! By Edward S. Cowles, M.D. Whittlessey House. 229 pp. $2.00.

Fear arises from fatigue and depleted nerve-cell energy. There are four fields of nerve-cell energy between perfect health and death. These may be recognized by the following symptoms: irritability, tiredness, exhaustion, and finally coma. The nerve-cell energy of an individual is likened to the capacity limit of a bridge. We are capable of carrying so much, no more. Success in living depends upon keeping nerve-cell energy up to load-carrying capacity. Worry, strain, boredom, anxiety, etc., exhaust the virility of the nervous system to the point where the organs of the body cease to function properly, resulting in ill health. Dr. Cowles tells how fear can be overcome, and how fatigue may be conquered. The book will save dollars for the average person, and make life more enjoyable. It is invaluable for counselors.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD FASHIONED NEW ENGLANDER. By Frederick W. Dallinger. Round Table. 277 pp. $2.00.

In these days when democratic principles and democratic methods of government are being assailed by asture and powerful enemies this autobiography of Judge Dallinger, for many years a Massachusetts Representative in Congress and later a highly respected judge of the United States Customs Court in New York, might well be put in the list of required reading by every citizen concerned in the welfare of this republic and the institutions created during the course of our national history. This wise jurist has put together his personal

experiences, mingled with pithy comment and incisive criticism, in a series of recollections that ought to command a wide reading. The book shows how clean living and noble thinking can win through the murk and fog of much that we call politics to a level of responsibility and respected leadership.

BAPTISTS: THEIR MESSAGE AND MISSION. By Hillyer H. Straton. Judson Press. 179 pp. $2.00.

The able pastor of the First Baptist Church, Detroit, presents in a compact book the story and message of our denomination. He describes our essential character and historic origin; then states with clarity and precision the distinctive doctrines of our faith: the Bible, the source of our faith; our emphasis upon a regenerate church membership; democracy in church polity, and our espousal of religious liberty. As a "theology for Baptists" he advocates a neo-orthody that involves "an absolute belief in a real God", then, "faith in a genuine revelation - the Word of God for the world of men" and finally the faith in Jesus Christ as Son of man and Son of God, "the rocklike paradox upon which Christianity past, present and future rests." Evangelism, education, missions, social service, denominational cooperation are all duly emphasized.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN PERSONALITY. By Ernest M. Ligon. Macmillan. 391 pp. $3.00.

This is an admirably planned and comprehensive discussion of a problem that every man and woman faces; personality adjustment, and infinitely more, for it presents a commentary on the Sermon on The Mount that is unique and masterly. It gives an entirely new approach to this pertinent message of Jesus, revivifying one's appreciation of the beatitudes, and making them exceedingly helpful in their interpretation of life. It is a book for such a time as this, simple yet profound, lucid yet scholarly, scientific yet spiritual. Christian personality is described, and the beatitudes are examined psychologically to determine their message for today, in the light of psychology as related to personality. These simple direct studies, attuned to spiritual realities and to human needs, make this a MUST BOOK for studious religious leaders.

HOME MISSIONS

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and a recent visit of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller of Atlanta, president of the Home Mission Board, convinced him of the importance of the field and the inability of the District Convention to cope with the situation alone.

Details of the plan are yet to be worked out but the action of the Southern Board was hailed by all District Leaders as one of the most important decisions in many years. Following is the announcement of the decision received from Atlanta upon adjournment of the Board:

Atlanta, Ga.—Taking into account what was termed "a problem of enlistment and missions of staggering proportions" in the nation's capital, the Home Mission Board here January 13 voted to launch at once a city mission program in Washington and the District of Columbia.

Called into special session by the Board's president, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, the administrative committee unanimously concurred in a request from the District of Columbia Baptist Association.

"The District of Columbia has increased in population 36% and the suburban areas 82% during the past ten years," said Rev. M. C. Stith chairman of the executive committee of the District of Columbia Baptist Association, as he presented the petition to the Home Board.

The Home Mission Board, Rev. Stith pointed out, has recently inaugurated missions in other strategic urban centers, such as Atlanta and Houston. The capital city, he added, has needs to meet which the Baptists are seeking every resource available.

A superintendent of city missions in Washington will be appointed, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Home Board executive secretary-treasurer, announced, as soon as details are approved by the Washington Association, which he expects to be soon.

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Whereupon the countenance of the Philistine changed and he did become exceeding humble and said, "Friend, I pray thee, forgive me. It was all my fault and I spoke hastily." "Nay," answered the prophet, "it was not thy sin but mine." "Think no more of it," said the Philistine, and they parted good friends each to fix his own chariot. And the prophet mused within himself. Might it not be better for nations each to fix his own chariot than to go to war. Aye, might it not be better for capital and labor, than to resort to strikes. Did not a greater prophet once say: "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

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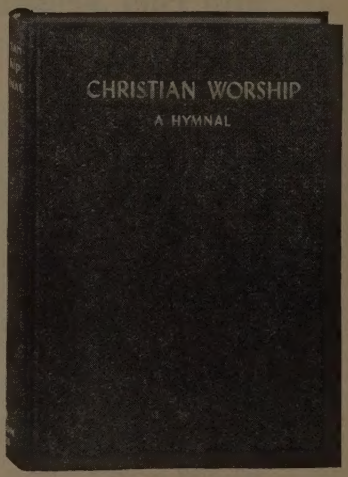

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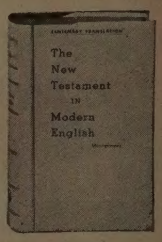

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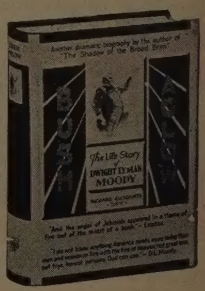

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